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Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 122 appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/57/604 and Add.1.

2. For its further consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/57/488).

3. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 56th meeting, on 4 June 2003. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/57/SR.56).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/57/L.94

4. At the 56th meeting, on 4 June 2003, the representative of Botswana and coordinator of informal consultations on this item introduced, on behalf of the Chairman, a draft resolution entitled "Management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights" (A/C.5/57/L.94).

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote (see para. 7).

6. Following the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement in explanation of position was made by the representative of Cuba (see A/C.5/57/SR.56).

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III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/218 B of 29 July 1994 and 54/244 of 23 December 1999, and all its other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also its resolutions 56/253 of 24 December 2001 and 57/300 of 20 December 2002,

Recalling further its decision 55/488 of 7 September 2001,

Having considered the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights,[1]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;[1]

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on measures pertaining to the administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner, taking into account the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services,[1] as appropriate, and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights requested by the Secretary-General, as indicated in action 5 of his report entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change";[2]

3. *Decides* to revert at its fifty-eighth session to the issue of the administration and management of the Office of the High Commissioner, in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for 2004-2005, as well as to the issues relevant to the functioning of the Office addressed in its resolution 57/300, in particular paragraphs 6, 8, 9 and 10, in the context of the procedures it establishes for consideration of the progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the reform measures considered in that resolution.

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[1] A/57/488.

[2] See A/57/387, para. 58.